

Workshop 7: Alien Invaders**Reading 2 Project: Island of Snakes**
Snake Conversations

*On Guam, snakes are everywhere. They cause blackouts. They bite children.
What would it be like to live there?*

Project: Work with a partner. Imagine what friends or family members might say to each other about brown tree snakes. Write one or more dialogues.

Procedure**1. Brainstorm ideas.**

If snakes are everywhere, people must be talking about them. What would they say? Here are a few ideas to get you started.

- A child is about to leave for school. What would his or her mother say?
- Kids are in school. The lights go out because of snakes. What would the teacher say? What do the kids say?
- A child just got bitten. Call 911. Write down your phone conversation.

Think of ideas of your own. Be creative!

2. Write.

Choose the first idea you want to work on. Then act out the scene with your partner. Write down your conversation. Here's a good format for dialogues.

Mother: Have a good day at school, dear. Be sure to stay away from snakes.

Child: Okay, Mom. But I'd probably be safer if you gave me a ride to school!

Then try other ideas. Write as many as you like.

3. Present.

Write your dialogues or type them on the computer. If you have time, choose your favorite and set it up as a cartoon panel.